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In Re Application of:

Wright Jr. et al.

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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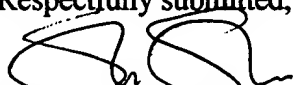
Sir:

In response to the Official Action mailed February 27, 2002, which imposed a restriction requirement upon the claims of the present application, Applicants hereby provisionally elect Group I (claims 1-28) for examination in the present application.

In accordance with M.P.E.P. § 808.02, Applicant asserts that the Groups I and II claims are so closely related that examining the Group I and Group II claims in the present application would not constitute a serious burden on the PTO. Accordingly, reconsideration of the restriction requirement is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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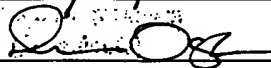
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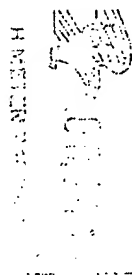
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